

The Winter Course in Agriculture at the A. & M. College.

Editors Progressive Farmer

The winter course men at the A. & M. College are hearing and seeing many new things along the lines of scientific agriculture, both in the class room and the work room—new (to us at least) and interesting facts and principles are being crowded upon us, and we are beginning to see more fully than ever before the great opportunity offered by the farm to the young man who has energy and a love for the farm and its life.

We see by the large supplies of all kinds of finished products that are brought into our State every year (and much of this finished product, too, being produced from our own raw material), what a great local demand there is, waiting to be supplied by our own North Carolina boys whenever they are ready to use the brain and brawn necessary to produce these high-priced finished products. We believe that our own State offers us as great opportunities all things considered, as any other State on the face of the earth.

Because we believe these things, we have left our homes for ten weeks to try to get some of the spirit of the "new agriculture" and to learn something from the more accurate knowledge of men who have a right to know, from wide experience in investigation and experimentation along these special lines.

Our fields are waiting for intelligent management. The foreigner and the stranger is also waiting, if we refuse the inheritance, to take them for a pittance and reap the bountiful reward which patience and industry is sure to secure, while we seek fame and the shady job in the already overcrowded professions. But some of us—and we believe the number is rapidly increasing—prefer to take this land where our fathers lived as nobly as they died, and fix, never to be moved again, the old land marks within whose boundaries the best and most enduring citizenship shall be developed.

Having made this choice, we are glad that we have come, and we be-

lieve that we are being fully repaid for the time, money and sacrifice it costs us to leave our homes for these few weeks. And no one but a country boy can appreciate just the sacrifice it costs a country boy to leave the home folks, the friends, the favorite horse, the dog and gun, and the thousand associations of his home; not somebody else's house in which he is staying, but his own home. Perhaps he did not think about these things before he found himself away. He shows no signs of such thoughts now as he laughs and jokes with the boys, but many times, as he bravely works and studies, his heart is back on the home plantation.

But he finds many pleasant things here at the College. The boys allow him to keep his weather-tanned hue, not insisting upon a darker one. They are even disposed to be friends and inquire as to how the "Cow Puncher" likes his course.

The Professors, too, meet him as enthusiastic co-workers and friends, and show untiring patience in answering the showers of questions poured in from every side. With these friendly conditions it is much easier to get to work and get the benefit of a short course of ten weeks.

The Farmers' Institute, organized by the winter course students, is another one of the many sources of instruction and development. Here we meet and talk over, discuss and debate different phases of farming as we have become acquainted with them in our respective localities. Many sections of the State are represented. The live stock man of the west, the wheat and corn man, the cotton man, the tobacco man, the dairy man, the peanut, pork and cotton man all meet and talk about these different products, their cultivation, the expense of producing, value on market and a hundred interesting things about them of which many of us had never thought before. We become acquainted with each other and thus learn much which we would not otherwise know about the different sections of our State.

As we have said before, we are glad that we have come. We are treated well, we are going to tell our friends about it, and we are going to try to get a large number of young men to leave their farms for a few weeks next winter and take the winter course. We believe in farming, and we believe in education. And we certainly do believe in an educated farmer.

Young farmer, get all the school training you possibly can. You will need it all. If it is ten years, so much the better. If it is ten months, do not neglect it. And if ten weeks is the very best you can do, take that by all means.

WINTER COURSE MEN.

A. & M. College, Raleigh, N. C.

[The foregoing article should have appeared a week or two ago, but was crowded out by other matter. It is none the less interesting now.—Editor.]

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MRS. SCOTT.

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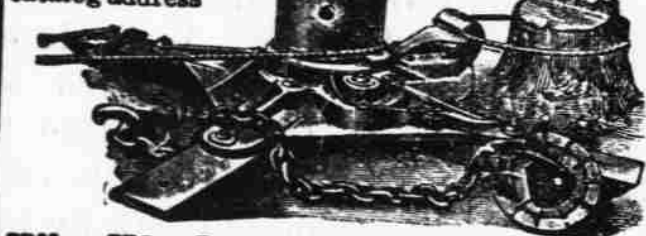
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